ings, and Government have directed them to encourage extension of villages as much as possible. Villagers themselves are often unwilling to shift. If there are any cases of delay on the part of local officers, Government are prepared to deal severely with them, if such cases are brought to their notice.

SUBJECT No. 128.

Permission to build houses on gomal lands.

Mr. C. Nagappa, Nagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—All unassessed Government waste lands in the malnad tracts have been entered as gomal. Sanction of Government is to be obtained for building houses on these lands. Cultivable lands are situated either at the foot of hills or by the side of streams; and to protect the crops thereon from the damage done by wild beasts and birds, houses must necessarily be near them. As the present practice causes a good deal of delay and inconvenience, Amildars may, it is requested be empowered to give permission to build on these lands.

Reply of Government.—The Revenue Commissioner has been empowered to sanction appropriations of gomal land, and there should therefore be no delay in such cases.

SUBJECT No. 129.

Removal of the prohibition to build on cultivable lands.

Mr. Naraharaiya, Nelamangala Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The present prohibition to build on cultivable lands is a hardship to big land owners who require the settlement of servants on their estates for looking after the lands and superintending cultivation. If the Amildars be made to grant building licenses to such applicants on the condition that if the lands were to be resigned, they should be transferred to Government with the buildings thereon, it will be a help to the land owners and cultivators.

Reply of Government.—There is no such prohibition so long as the buildings are intended for agriculture. If there have been any such cases, they may be brought to the notice of the Revenue Commissioner.

SUBJECT No. 130.

Fixing the month of May for the grant of darkhasts.

Mr. D. S. Gopalachar, Devanhalli Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The present practice of granting darkhasts in July deprives the darkhastdars of the opportunities for sowing May and April fasal (crops). Hence the darkhasts may be made to be presented in May.

Reply of Government.—Darkhasts are granted all the year round and no particular month has been fixed for the grant of darkhasts by the rules.

SUBJECT No. 131.

Commutation of labour to be contributed by raiyats for tank repairs into money.

Summary of discussion.—In spite of the strict orders issued by the Government to get the annual maintenance of major and minor tanks done by the raiyats, they neglect it for some years with the result that a large amount is required to rectify the accumulated neglect and to repair the tanks, thus causing loss both to Government and to the

Messrs. Nama Rangiah, Chintamani Taluk; Gundu Rao, Basave Gowda, Nanjundiah, Bowringpet Taluk; Jevalappa, Bagepalli Tauk and Kaggerappa, Gubbi Taluk.

raiyats. Pray therefore that a small cess be levied from all the land-holders, every year, in addition to the usual kandayam, for carrying out the work. The amount thus collected may be kept in deposit and utilized whenever necessary. This will relieve the raiyats from the obligation to do the maintenance work.

(2) Suggests that the cost of executing the annual maintenance work to the tanks may be met from the total amount of irrigation cess levied from the raiyats, freeing them from this obligation.

Advances to raiyats for doing earthwork to minor tanks.

Messrs. Hariyappa, Shikarpur Taluk; Venkatasami Reddi and Venkataramappa, Srinivaspur Taluk.

It is now ruled that the raiyats should do the earthwork of minor tanks and that the stone work would be done by Government. In certain villages which are in a very backward condition, the raiyats are unable to do the necessary work. It is therefore requested that advances may be granted to raiyats in such villages on the security of the lands below the tanks and recovered in easy instalments.

Early repairs to minor tanks.

Messrs. Chikramanna, Suryanaranappa, Sonne Gowda and Byre Gowda, Kolar Taluk.

There are several minor tanks wanting repairs. The Government were pleased to order that an officer would be deputed to enquire into the matter of executing repairs to the minor tanks. Accordingly, an Engineer inspected all the tanks but nothing has yet come of it, though contributions were promised by the raiyats in several cases and necessary muchalikas given by them. The repairing of such small tanks, while not involving great cost to Government, will be a source of living to the poor raiyats. It is prayed that Government may be pleased to give their best attention to this matter early.

Repairs of minor tanks to be undertaken by Government.

A. Messrs. Kigga Chennakesava Rao, Halgur Venkatasubbiah and Bettagere Subramanyabhatta, Koppa Taluk, and Ingalagondi Santappa Setty, Yedahalli Sub-Taluk.

B. Messrs. C. Srinivasa Rao, Chikmagalur Taluk; R. Giriyappa, Ramaiya Gowda and Seshanna, Tirthahalli Taluk; Yagaiana Subba Rao, Sagar Taluk; Rama Rao, Bhaskara Rao, Lakshmana Rao and Sivaiya Gowda, Sorab Taluk; Halappa and Nanjundaiya, Channagiri Taluk.

A. As the Malnad raiyats have been impoverished in consequence of the continued prevalence of *Koleroga* among their arecanut gardens, it is requested that the distinction between major and minor tanks may be removed so far as the Malnad is concerned and the minor tanks repaired at Government cost at least once in five years.

B. Repairs of minor tanks to be undertaken by Government.

Minor tanks to be restored by Government and given over to the raiyats for upkeep.

Mr. Kadar Sab, Gubbi Taluk.

If the raiyats do earthwork to minor tanks, masonry work is done at the cost of Government. Lands below many such tanks are generally in the holding of one or two individuals who neglect the tank and allow it to go out of order and breach. The village men and cattle are deprived thereby even of drinking water. Big projects are undertaken by Government only to give water to out-

siders. If Government improve all minor tanks once and issue strict orders for the raiyats attending to their annual maintenance, it would be a real boon to the people. If it cannot be done, it is prayed that wet assessment on lands below such tanks may be reduced to dry.

Repairs to minor tanks and Kattes to provide drinking water.

Mr. Seenappa, Krishnarajpete Taluk.

On account of failure of rains, men and cattle in many parts are put to much inconvenience for want of drinking water. It is therefore prayed that all the minor tanks and small kattes be repaired at Government cost.

Supervision of earthwork to tanks (minor) by Shekdars.

Mr. Linge Gowda, Patel, Mysore Taluk.

Under the existing orders the earthwork to tanks yielding a revenue of less than Rs. 300 has to be done by the raiyats. The patel is held responsible to get this work done by the raiyats and the shekdars do not take any interest in the matter. When the patel tries to enforce this duty on the raiyats, one or two among them refuse to do the work and the rest follow the example. The tanks are thus neglected and fall into disrepair. It is therefore prayed that the hobli shekdar be empowered to deal with such defaulting raiyats and to get their portion of the work done by others and recover the cost thereof as a revenue demand. This will teach a lesson to the other raiyats and the work will be smoothly done.

Raiyats to be compelled to do earthwork to minor tanks which are in disrepair.

Mr. Heroor Gundappa, Kunigal Taluk.

Of late the minor tanks are much neglected. The raiyats should be compelled to do the earthwork to enable Government to do the masonry work.

The auction sale of fisheries.

Messrs Chanda Reddi, Narasimhaiya and Dalappa, Anekal Taluk.

At present the right of fishing in tanks is given to the holders of land under the tanks in return for the mud and turf work being done to the bund by the raiyats. The cost of such work is distributed among the raiyats in proportion to the kandayam paid by them. This is a hardship to Brahman and merchant outside land-holders. The fishery may therefore be sold by public auction and the mud and turf work done out of the sale proceeds.

Reply of Government.—The working of the rules relating to the maintenance of tanks and channels by the raiyats and the scheme for the restoration of minor tanks, has not been satisfactory. Recent experience has shown that the revised rules issued in 1904 are capable of considerable improvement. The question will be taken up as a whole, and the organization of Village Panchayats, to whom the maintenance of tanks and channels, the regulation and distribution of water-supply, and other matters connected with the communal enjoyment of the benefits of the tanks will be entrusted, will be considered. The present distinc-

tion of major and minor tanks is not made on any principle. After obtaining the opinions of the Revenue Commissioner and the Chief Engineer, the whole subject will be carefully examined.

SUBJECT No. 132.

Minor Tanks restoration.

Messrs. B. Kesava Iengar and Kesavadas Iengar, Belur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The minor tanks restoration scheme is not given effect to. It should be discussed and settled upon at the Local Fund Board meetings as to which tanks should be repaired in each taluk. This was being done during the time of Dewan the late Mr. Rangacharlu.

Reply of Government.—Maps are being prepared showing tanks that should be restored, and the restoration will be undertaken according to a definite scheme. The idea of entrusting this scheme to Panchayats will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 133.

Repairs to branch channels.

Mr. Padmanna, Nanjangud Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It is prayed that repairs to branch channels be executed at the cost of Government.

The main channels being repaired at Government cost, it is unreasonable to require the raiyats to repair the branch channels.

Reply of Government.—The revised scheme under consideration will meet this.

SUBJECT No. 134.

Silt and weed clearing works to channels both to be done by Government.

Mr. Venkatanaranappa, Bannur Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The annual repairs to the Chikka Devarayasagar, Ramaswami and other nalas are being done by Government. After the nalas are opened, the water-supply will become less in the middle of the cultivating season and crops will wither away and great loss is sustained by us. When remission is applied for, the Engineering Department say that sufficient water cannot be supplied, as weed clearing has not been done by the Revenue Department. If this small work of weed clearing is also done by Government along with the annual repairs it will be a blessing to the raiyats and the collection of the Revenue will be much facilitated. The tank water is being supplied for six months during the rainy season by the Revenue Department and for six months during summer by the Public Works Department. By this arrangement water is not properly supplied during summer and crops will wither away and raiyats sustain loss every year. It is therefore requested that the supply of water during summer also may be entrusted to the Revenue authorities. The silt of the nalas which are fed from the tank sluices is now being cleared by the raiyats themselves. It is therefore prayed that a fee of annas two per acre may be levied from every raiyat and the silt clearing work done by Government.